

The American public has been held hostage by the poor service and inordinate fares at the hands of the cartels in the air for too long. That is why I am pleased to introduce this bill to generate legitimate competition and secure reasonable prices for air travel for the country's consumers.

**BILL TWEET—SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION  
TRADES COUNCIL 1998 LABOR  
LEADER OF THE YEAR**

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 1998*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Bill Tweet, the Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Iron Workers Local 229, as he is honored by the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council at the September 19, 1998 John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet as the 1998 Labor Leader of the Year.

Bill is a native San Diegan and was educated in local schools. Following his education at San Diego City College, he served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He began his career as an Ironworker in November 1967 and graduated from the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program in 1971. During his tenure, Bill has worked on many of the San Diego County highway bridges on Interstates 5, 8, 805 and S.R. 163 and has contributed his talent to the erection of major high rise projects in downtown San Diego.

Bill first became active in Ironworkers Local 229 when he was elected Vice President of the Local in 1982, a position he held until begin elected to the Executive Board and the District Council of Iron Workers. He served in that position for two terms before his election to the office of Business Representative.

In 1994, Bill was elected to his current position of Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer of Ironworkers Local 229 and was re-elected in 1997. In addition to his duties at Local 229, Bill also serves as Delegate to the District Council, Trustee of the District Council, State of California and vicinity, and Trustee of the California Field Ironworkers Trust Funds.

Organized labor at large in San Diego has benefited from Bill's tenure as Delegate of the Imperial County Building and Construction Trades Council, as a Member of the Executive Board of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council and currently as President of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council.

The local community has also benefited from Bill's endless efforts. He dedicates his energies to the youth in his community by serving as a "T-ball" coach and serves on the Clairemont Town Council. He has donated his time and trade skills to the community by organizing members of local 229 to join him in volunteering their skills to erect new score boards at the University of San Diego and Mission Bay High School, constructing a new building for the Boys and Girls Clubs of National City and by building the walkway at the San Diego Children's Museum.

Bill Tweet exemplifies the high values, standards and principles of a real community

leader. It is very appropriate that his many efforts on behalf of his local community and of working men and women throughout San Diego County are recognized by this award.

My congratulations go to Bill Tweet for these significant contributions. I admire his dedication and commitment and believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council's 1998 Labor Leader of the New Year Award.

**IN HONOR OF BERNIE FIELDS**

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 1998*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bernie Fields, a constituent of mine who passed away on August 16, 1998 at his home in Middletown, Connecticut. He will be deeply missed by all of us who knew him.

Bernie distinguished himself as a businessman, a community activist, a husband and a father. He came to Connecticut in 1950 and opened Bernie Fields Jewelers. This family-owned business stayed in downtown Middletown for almost five decades. When many businesses moved out to mega-malls and the suburbs, Bernie remained committed to downtown. His store is like an anchor in downtown Middletown, a familiar site to generations of residents.

Mr. Speaker, Bernie Fields did much, much more than keep his business in downtown. He worked on behalf of his community in countless other ways.

Bernie founded Connecticut's very first Big Brothers/Big Sisters chapter in Middletown in 1961. He went on to help establish eight other chapters around the state.

He served as Director of the local American Red Cross Chapter, the American Cancer Society, the Lions Club and the Big Brothers of Hartford. He was a trustee of the Mount Saint John School. For twenty years he rented out a theater every December and showed free movies for young people.

He won the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance Good Guy Award, was named the Salvation Army's Man of the Year, and received the American Legion Americanism Award, the Boy Scouts' Good Scout Award, and the Masons' PierPoint Medal. He was also the recipient of this institution's Congressional Volunteer of the Year Award.

Bernie Fields is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen, his son Martin, his daughter Harriet, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Although all of us who were lucky enough to call Bernie a friend will miss him, we will always remember how much he did to make Connecticut a great place to live.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE PENNYSAVER  
NEWS OF BROOKHAVEN ON ITS  
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 1998*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the People's House to ask my colleagues to

join me in honoring the Pennysaver News of Brookhaven and Island Shopper, as publisher Gary Smith and his staff of dedicated employees celebrate this nationally acclaimed publication's 40th anniversary.

Over the past four decades, the Pennysaver News has grown from its humble origins to become the dominant shopper in Suffolk County, Long Island. The growth of the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper is typical of so many American success stories, inspired by elements of talent, work ethic and the good fortune to come of age in the dynamic Long Island business market. Founded by Gary Smith's brother Robert as an 8,000-circulation paper in Bay Shore, the Pennysaver News now has 32 editions with a circulation of 270,000, employing 75 talented staff members in printing, mailing, graphic arts and sales.

In the fiercely competitive Long Island market, the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper are highly regarded industry leaders of National renown. This year alone, the Pennysaver and Island Shopper received three national awards for advertising excellence from the Association of Free Community Papers, while also garnering the First Place award for excellence from the FCPNY.

While the publication has grown in size, readership and stature, Pennysaver News remains family owned and operated, with Robert's son Tim and Gary's daughter Delee now part of the team. This strong sense of family inspires an equally strong devotion to support so many schools, Boy Scout troops, churches, and chambers of commerce throughout the 65 hamlets in the six Suffolk County Townships the Pennysaver and Island Shopper serve.

The success of our national economy depends less upon government programs or multinational companies than upon the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners like Gary Smith and his late brother Robert. The Smith's success is predicated on an unwavering commitment to customer service, producing results that increase their advertisers' sales and providing their readers with a valuable resource on local businesses.

So Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper and the entire Smith family for 40 wonderful years of service to the Long Island businesses community and all their readers.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. CASS BALLENGER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 1998*

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall votes 435, 436, and 437 on September 15, I would have voted "yea." I applaud the leadership for bringing these important bills to the floor for a vote.

**HONORING NANCY J. SCHILLING**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 1998*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring